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In re the Application of:

P.T.O. Confirmation No. 1751

FUKUIZUMI, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1743

Serial No.: 09/619,768

Examiner: Brian R. GORDON

Filed: July 19, 2000

For. METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS

REQUEST TO APPLY PAYMENT OF FEBRUARY 22, 2006
TO ISSUE FEE PAYMENT OF AUGUST 24, 2006

ATTN: BOX ISSUE FEE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 24, 2006

Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the issue fee payment of \$1709.00 previously made on February 22, 2006, be applied to the issue fee payment of August 24, 2006, for the above identified application. In support thereof, applicants submit the following:

1. Copy of Decision granting petition of April 5, 2006; and
2. Issue Fee Transmittal (PTO85B-in duplicate).

If any other fees are due, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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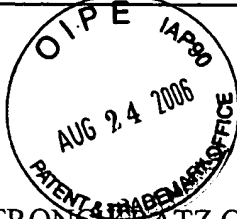
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Enclosures: Copy of Decision; Issue Fee Transmittal

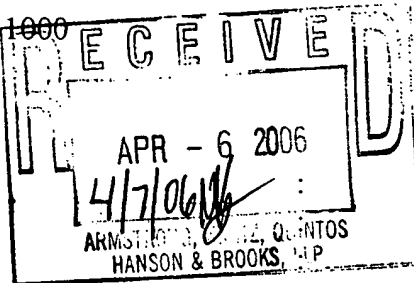


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ON PETITION

In re Application of
Masataka Fukuizumi et al
Application No. 09/619,768
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This is a decision on the petition filed, April 4, 2006 under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on February 22, 2006 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU-1743 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

Irvin Dingle
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Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

